<)th November THE CONSPIRACY OF EDWARD SQUIRE

Edward Squire -was arraigned this da7 in Westminster for his high, treason in compassing the Queen's death, and being found guilty is condemned to be quartered

This Squire dwelt in Greenwich divers years, and toot upon him the practice of a scrivener and for some two years held an employment about the Queen's stable, as deputy to one Kaies, a purveyor of provisions But being of a wit above his vocation, he disliked that condition of life and went to sea in the late voyage of Sir Francis Drake into the Indies , in which voyage sailing in the *Francis^* it was his hap to be taken by five Spanish frigates Squire was thus brought prisoner into Spain, where soon after he was set at liberty

Not long after his enlargement, he became known to Richard Walpole, the Jesuit, that is a kind of Vicar-General there to Parsons in his absence This Walpole observed Squire, and finding him a man of more than ordinary sense and capacity for his quality and education, well advised and yet resolved, and not apprehensive at all of danger, perceived in him two conditions of especial advantage 3 the one that, coming into Spam a prisoner and not a fugitive, his return into England -would be subject to less suspicion , the other that he understood Squire had some attendance about the Queen's stable

Whereupon to prepare him for his purpose and to give colour that when Squire should return into England he was a man that had suffered in Spam for his conscience, Walpole subtlely compassed that upon a quarrel picked Squire was put into the Inquisition By this means he got Squire's heart into his hands, mollified by distress, and became sure of him that he

was a fixed and resolved Papist After sufficient preparation,
Walpole began to discourse of the miseries of the Catholics in
England, and of the slanders of the government and upon how
few persons' lives the State did stand And Squire on the
other side, wanting no wit to perceive which way he was led,
after some time made vehement protestation of his mind and
devotion to do service to the cause Whereupon, Walpole
saith [e] It were no doubt an action very meritorious to kill the
Earl of Essez, bnt one thing is necessary * And having lept
him in suspense awhile, brake with him plainly and told him